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To:

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David E. Janssen

Chief Administrative Officer

MOTION TO THE COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES TO ADVOCATE IN SACRAMENTO TO REMOVE SB 1421 (MARGETT) FROM THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE FILE (ITEM NO. 73-B, SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA OF JULY 5, 2006)

Item No. 73-B on the July 5, 2006 Supplemental Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Knabe to: 1) instruct the County's Legislative Advocates to advocate in Sacramento to remove SB 1421 (Margett) from the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File; 2) send a letter to Senator Kevin Murray, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, urging him to remove the bill from the Suspense File; 3) instruct the Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to work in concert with the Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles County to work with the California Department of Education on alternatives to address fraud in Stage 2 and Stage 3 CalWORKs Child Care Programs; and 4) instruct the Director of DPSS to report back to the Board in 30 days.

On March 21, 2006, your Board took action to support SB 1421, sponsored by Supervisor Knabe, which would establish a two-year pilot in Los Angeles County to identify, investigate, and prosecute suspected cases of fraud in Stage 2 and Stage 3 CalWORKs Child Care Programs. My office worked with DPSS, the District Attorney, the Child Care Alliance, and Legislative staff to pursue your Board's position on the bill.

SB 1421 was placed on the Senate Appropriations Suspense File on May 15, 2006 due to increased General Fund costs. This action is routinely taken on bills pending enactment of the State budget. Bills that remain on the Suspense File typically do not

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continue through the Legislative process in the absence of a rule waiver. Supervisor Knabe's Motion regarding SB 1421 would assist our Sacramento advocacy efforts by conveying the importance of this issue to the County.

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County Counsel
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